

Senate Resolution 112 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

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1 A Resolution requesting the legislative council to
2 establish an interim committee to study the state of
3 education in the arts in Iowa.

4 WHEREAS, the board of education has approved
5 standards for fine arts education in Iowa; and

6 WHEREAS, the federal Every Student Succeeds Act
7 (ESSA), Pub. L. No. 114-95, describes the arts as part
8 of a "well-rounded education" and provides various
9 programs and funding sources to support education in
10 the arts; and

11 WHEREAS, it is important that an inventory of
12 Iowa's staffing, funding, course offerings, and other
13 resources available for education in the arts be
14 prepared as standards for education in the arts are
15 implemented in Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative
17 council is requested to establish an interim committee,
18 composed of members of the Senate and the House of
19 Representatives, to study the state of education in
20 the arts in Iowa for the purpose of aligning arts
21 education programs in Iowa with the fine arts standards
22 adopted by the board of education and with the ESSA.
23 The study committee shall review staffing, funding,
24 course offerings, and other resources available for
25 education in the arts in Iowa, explore opportunities
26 for local education agencies to receive funding
27 under titles I and II of the federal Elementary and
28 Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. §6301 et

1 seq., for fine arts teachers and related professional
2 development, and also explore options to expand
3 sequential fine arts education in all areas of the arts
4 in Iowa in kindergarten through grade 12.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study committee
6 shall meet during the 2018 interim and shall include
7 in an advisory capacity stakeholders in education in
8 the arts in Iowa including but not limited to arts
9 educators of Iowa, the Iowa bandmasters association,
10 the Iowa choral directors association, the Iowa
11 communication association, the Iowa music educators
12 association, the Iowa educational theatre association,
13 the Iowa string teachers association, Kodaly educators
14 of Iowa, representatives of dance educators in Iowa,
15 representatives of Orff Schulwerk educators in Iowa,
16 the department of education, and area education
17 agencies. The study committee shall submit the study
18 committee's findings and recommendations in a report to
19 the general assembly by January 1, 2019.